

## MODERN GHOST

Golden mornings illuminated the stained glass of the halls.  
The mansion stood like an untouched empire among the hills so tall.  
Between marble columns and gardens designed to mimic a poetic call.  
Where laughter danced and echoed through it all.

But I was not made of gold or stone.  
I was flesh, voice, thoughts, warmth, and bone.  
Part of something greater than walls that shone.  
Something that not even time could leave alone.

Then came the night, sudden and cruel.  
The wet asphalt, fate shifting its rule.  
A breath cut short in the headlights' fuel.  
And silence absolute, dark and cruel.

CHORUS: Now I am but a shadow in the corridors.  
A faded reflection in forgotten doors.  
A scent that lingers but never restores.  
A whisper drowned by the crimson floors.

My absence lingers like mist in the air.  
In silent dinners where no voices dare.  
In vacant eyes lost in vacant stare.  
In stories once warm, now cold and bare.

I watch them move on, trying to cope.  
The past is not fire, nor something to elope.  
Yet longing still lingers, tied with rope.  
For some things never die, never lose hope.

My children grew up without my shade.  
Their steps learned not to call my name, afraid.  
But sometimes, in twilight's cascade.  
I see one whisper where shadows fade.

Years have passed like leaves in a breeze.  
Voices have changed, yet pauses still tease.  
They learned to laugh, to love, to seize.  
But never to forget with ease.

Twenty winters later, my absence remains.  
In their hearts, in their words, in their chains.  
But some ghosts wander without refrains.  
Not needing walls, nor bars, nor pains.

I am the echo of a life left behind.  
A name carved where roses wind.  
A whisper lost in the midnight blind.  
A shadow time refused to unwind.

I am a modern ghost, no chains to bear.  
No wailing cries, just a vacant stare.  
Only the weight of the life once there.  
And the past that lingers in the air.

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